

Kindly enter the following Amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims attached as Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report as follows:

7. (Amended) A cell having a power generating element in which one or more positive electrodes and one or more negative electrodes are alternately closely arranged via electrolyte retaining layers, said cell comprising said electrodes according to [any one of claims 1 to 6] claim 1, wherein a groove is formed in a face which is a surface of at least one of said electrodes, said face being opposed to the other electrode via an electrolyte retaining layer, at least one end of said groove reaching an end portion of said electrode.

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are pending in the application.

By the foregoing Amendment, claim 6 has been written to avoid the use of alternative claim language and a possibly improper claim dependency. This change is believed not to introduce new matter, and entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

The application is now believed to be in condition for examination and allowance. Should any questions arise, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned representative so that this case may receive an early Notice of Allowance.